

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

**JESSE WHITE** • Secretary of State

August 6, 2019

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Re: FOIA Request dated July 17, 2019

Dear Mr. Cox and/or J. Ader:

This correspondence is to acknowledge the receipt of and formally respond to your FOIA request dated July 17, 2019 filed by Joseph Cox and an identical FOIA request filed by J. Ader on July 29, 2019. On July 18, 2019, the Secretary of State requested an extension of twenty (20) business days to respond to your request. After a thorough review of your request, the Secretary of State believes that your request for 5 years of data overall, is overly broad and unduly burdensome. In good faith, however, the Secretary of State provides you with the enclosed two CD-ROMs that contain access and bulk data agreements for Fiscal Year 2019, for entities that receive information containing personally identifying information ("PII") and/or highly restricted personal information ("HRPI") from the Secretary of State. The agreements set forth the data the entities are to obtain and the method and frequency of obtaining the data. These are annual contracts where the contract provisions do not vary by year.

With respect to these access/bulk agreements, please also note the following:

- 1. Express consent: The Secretary of State does not provide any PII or HRPI for surveys, marketing or solicitations. Therefore, there is nothing for which the Secretary of State is required to obtain the express written consent of its customers; and
- 2. Waiver procedures: The Secretary of State does not provide personal information outside of the parameters of 18 U.S.C. §2721(b). Therefore, the Secretary of State has not established such waiver procedures.

3. Lastly, be advised that there are no documents in Secretary of State files that were provided by any authorized recipients that have resold or re-disclosed PI covered by 18 U.S.C. §2721(c).

Thank you again for your request and for extending the time for the Secretary of State to respond to your request.

Sincerely,

Donna M. Leonard Executive Counsel

**Enclosures**